

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Pharmaceutical preparations of this invention can contain, as well as an effective quantity of crystalline form 1 of bilastine as an active ingredient as an antiallergic or antihistaminic agent, several pharmaceutically acceptable excipients. ~~The making of those pharmaceutical preparations implies procedures in which the active ingredient is not in any case dissolved in a solvent, thus maintaining its crystalline structure.~~ The solid pharmaceutical preparations include powders, tablets, dispersible granules, capsules, cachets and suppositories. A solid excipient can be one of several substances that act as diluents, aromatising agents, agglutinants or disintegrating agents and an encapsulation material. The powders and tablets preferentially contain from approximately 5 to approximately 20 per cent of the active ingredient. Appropriate solid excipients are magnesium carbonate, magnesium stearate, talc, sugar, lactose, pectin, dextrin, starch, gelatin, tragacanth, methylcellulose, sodium carboxymethylcellulose, waxes with low melting point, cocoa butter and similar products. The term “preparations” includes the formulation of the active ingredient with an excipient for encapsulation to produce a capsule in which the active ingredient (with or without other excipients) is surrounded with the excipient by an encapsulation material. Tablets, powders, cachets and capsules can be used as suitable forms for oral administration. The active ingredient can also be incorporated into a chewing gum that can contain sweeteners, flavorings and colorings as appropriate.